

Coddington
Community
News



Winter 1996

Welcome to the Winter Edition of CCN. Many thanks to all the village organisations for sending in their reports and a special thank-you to Parishioners who have sent in other contributions. It has been decided to produce two editions of the CCN, a winter edition and a summer edition rather than three as suggested in the last newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is 30th April 1997. All contributions to Pam Hemphill, (Clerk to the Parish Council), 2 Randall Close, Beacon Heights, Newark.

There's been plenty of activity in the village since the last newsletter, so happy reading and a merry christmas to everyone.

CODDINGTON BELLRINGERS

Since my last report, our bellringing activities continue to flourish.

Our fourteen ringers at Coddington meet regularly on practice nights and we attract visitors from Balderton, Newark, Brant Broughton and Fulbeck.

We continue to ring for divine service, without a single Sunday being missed. During the summer we covered three weddings at Coddington and one at Barnby in the Willows.

Quarter Peals have been rung for:

Christingle	January
Good Friday (Half Muffled)	April
Harvest Festival	October

Congratulations to Lindsey Arkley who rang her first quarter peal at Harvest Festival. A quarter peal was also rung for the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Sheila and myself in August. We are entering our busy period of the year as we run up to Christmas. We plan to ring quarter peals for the organised Carol concerts both at Coddington and Barnby in the Willows.

Our outing this year took place on 28th September, when over forty of us, consisting of ringers, family and friends enjoyed a grand day out to five different towers in Cheshire. The weather stayed fine, and all had a very enjoyable time.

We are constantly on the lookout for new ringers, so if ringing church bells appeals to you why not come along on practise nights and find out more. We meet every Friday night between 7.30 and 9.00 pm.

Mike Bache - Tower Secretary

What do you know about your Village? You may think you know a lot about the village so why not test your knowledge by having a go at our village quiz.

1. Where was the original site of Coddington Primary School?
2. Prior to 1918 the majority of land in Coddington village was owned by one family. What was the name of that family?
3. How many bells are there in Coddington Church bell tower?
4. Where was the original village cricket pitch in Coddington?
5. For what purpose were the houses on Parklands Close originally built?
6. What was the name of the pub which used to stand opposite the Plough?
7. Where in the village is Coddington Moat?
8. In which year was the new Beaconsfield Community Centre opened?
9. Reverend Wright was appointed Vicar of Coddington Parish Church in 1961. Whom did he succeed?
10. Newark Road was divided in two by the construction of the A1 (Newark By-pass). During which years was this road built?

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| a. | 1963/64 |
| b. | 1965/66 |
| c. | 1967/68 |

ANSWERS ON INSIDE OF BACK PAGE!

**If you wish to place an advertisement
in the next issue of CCN please contact:
Mrs P Hemphill - Clerk for more details.
Tel: Newark 72173**

CHRIS PARRETT

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1ST CODDINGTON SCOUT GROUP:

The Scout Group is going from strength to strength and every Section is thriving. We have just improved our toilet facilities and now have an up to standard service for all our scouting and social needs.

I would like to thank the Village Hall Committee, and in particular, Mr Gray, for allowing us to use the village hall toilet during the time when ours were non-existent.

The Venture Unit has around 17 members and has plans for even more and varied events than they have already done.

The Scout Troop is growing and has increased the number of outdoor expeditions it carries out because the leaders have achieved authorisation to do more adventurous activities. They held a successful Summer camp in Northumberland and have just returned from a week of Hillwalking in Snowdonia. They intend to camp for at least one night in every County of England and Wales before the end of the year 2000.

The Cub Pack is also very active growing both in numbers and enthusiasm. We have a new Akela as Barbara Rawlin has taken over from Janet Hedge who has taken on Barbara's old job, Assistant Venture leader.

Beavers are very active and have been on a number of visits. We have still got a waiting list. Unfortunately we lost Hazel Robinson to Lancaster University. The Beavers and Leaders miss her but hope that she does well and look forward to seeing her again soon.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is both very active and successful. After doing their hikes in Derbyshire and the Yorkshire Dales, most have completed the rest of their particular badge and all are now progressing to the next level. We have boys doing Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

The Group took part in the District Athletics and won every shield in every age group. The Scout football team, along with Balderton, will be representing Newark at the County competition and the Junior Scout team won the Swimming trophy at the District Gala.

With all the activities that have been undertaken for the benefit of the youth of our village, I feel that the leaders that we already have are being stretched to near the limit. Rather than reduce the activities that are planned I am looking for extra Adult help. We need, urgently, another leader for the Scout section, 2 leaders for the Cub section and one for the Beaver section. None of these adults need to have had previous experience in Scouting as training is available "on the job". If you are interested in doing a very worthwhile job or know of someone else who may be, please contact me on 73663.

Fund-raising is an ongoing commitment - a whist drive is held every third Tuesday, 7.30 pm in the Scout Hall. Quiz nights are held regularly - see Notice Boards for dates.

Dave Hedge, Group Scout Leader

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE HALL?

A 50/50 dance was held at the Village Hall on 26 October 1996 to raise funds towards the replacement of the Village Hall floor. Although the dance raised over £300 and was enjoyed tremendously by those who attended, it was felt that the occasion could have been better supported by Villagers.

Now that the floor has been replaced it is hoped that this will encourage more use of the Hall by locals.

A varied range of activities is held in the Hall throughout the week i.e.:

Parent and Toddler Group	Monday	9.30-11.00 am
Oaks and Acorns (Morris Dance Group)	Monday	7.30-9.30 pm
WI	Second Tuesday each Month	7.30 pm
Rainbows	Wednesday	5.15-6.15 pm
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30-8.00 pm
Over 55's Leisure Group	Friday	2.00-4.00 pm

If you would like to book the Village Hall for any occasion, please contact:
Mrs Gray Tel: Newark 705379

Coddington Village Hall Charity Trust Committee

OVER 55'S LEISURE GROUP

As a Club we have had a very good year. We had a coach outing in the summer to a "Well Dressing" in Derbyshire. We are looking forward to our Christmas Dinner which will be held at the Boot and Shoe Hotel in Weston in December.

New members are welcome to join us each Friday afternoon between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Why not come along, then you can play indoor short mat bowls, darts, scrabble, whist etc. and have a chat to your friends over tea and biscuits.

There is an "Open Age" short mat bowling session held each Friday evening from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Why not come along and have a go - it's great fun! Remember to bring your slippers or plimsoles.

J R Bell - Secretary

1ST CODDINGTON BROWNIES

Day Trips, Pack Holiday and Sponsored Walks are just a few of our Pack events.

Brownies and Rainbows had a great day out at Gulliver's Kingdom, Matlock in June. I don't think the chairlift attendant will ever be the same again, after lifting into the chairs some forty odd Rainbows and Brownies. He clearly deserved a "Brownie Point"!!

We went on a Pack Holiday in July to the Nottinghamshire Guide Association camp site at Elton, not too far from Newark. We always have a theme and this year it was the Mr. Men. The weekend was very hot. It was too hot for the games we had planned, but it didn't stop us enjoying ourselves doing lots of crafts. We also joined a visiting Guide Camp and joined in their evening camp fire and song, which the Brownies had not done before. They thoroughly enjoyed it, along with the hot chocolate and biscuits.

Four Brownies voluntarily went on the Church Sponsored Walk and raised money for Church funds. They covered approximately six miles. Well Done - Leanne Knott, Elizabeth Wellard, Natalie Arnold and Alex Severn!

The next couple of months will be busy with the Christmas quarter events. There will, hopefully, be a visit to a pantomime; our Christmas party; and church services.

If you would like to join our Brownie Pack, please telephone Newark 74741.

Sheila Bache (Brown Owl)

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The amount raised this year from various events in Coddington is £930.00. Many thanks to all who have donated in any way for this Charity.

Peggy Harwood, Representative for Coddington.

CODDINGTON PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

We meet at Coddington Village Hall on Monday mornings from 9.30 until 11.00.

New parents are welcome to join us for a cup of tea or coffee. The Children can enjoy playing with the different toys while parents have a chat. We have squash and biscuits for the children.

This Christmas there will be a party and a visit from Santa Claus. Every summer we organise a bus trip for the children. Last year we had a very successful trip to Sundown Kiddies' Adventure Land.

It only costs £1.00 for the morning - so why not come and join us!

The Parent and Toddler Group is run by:- Julie Dobbins, Tina Farrell
and Nicola Bailey

MISSING

Black tomcat wearing black studded collar with name tag - OSCAR , Inn on the Green. He went missing shortly after we moved into the Inn.

If you have seen him - please contact Tom or Pauline, Inn on the Green, Coddington.

HORTICULTURAL/HANDICRAFT SHOW - AUTUMN 1997

Do you have good organisational skills, and/or can delegate well? The Parish Council is looking for willing Parishioners to come forward and offer their services by forming a committee and then hopefully taking over the organisation of such an event,

INTERESTED CONTACT: Clerk, Mrs P Hemphill, Tel: 72173

CODDINGTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

CODDINGTON NURSERY:

We are very pleased to be able to say that Coddington Nursery is now open and that all fifty places have been filled. The children are settling in well and are enjoying the educational opportunities which are being provided for them.

Mrs Morris and Miss Kirkbride have worked extremely hard and have created a bright, welcoming, ordered environment in which the children can take advantage of the six areas of learning, which cover their personal and social development, language and literacy, mathematics, physical and creative development and their knowledge and understanding of the world.

HARVEST FESTIVAL:

On Thursday 26th September the main school held their Harvest Festival Service in All Saints` Church, Coddington. Each class had learnt a song, recited a poem or took part in a drama production and the whole school shared in the singing of harvest hymns and songs. It was a very successful occasion and much enjoyed by pupils, staff, governors and the Reverend Wright!

The Nursery had their own harvest celebration which took place in school. Parent and friends were invited to attend, and again the event was appreciated and enjoyed by all who came.

BRAMLEY APPLE COMPETITION:

For the second year running, pupils from the school took part in the Bramley Apple Competition which is held in Southwell. We are proud to be able to say that Oliver Alexander won the painting competition and our apple pie entry came third. A bonus this year was that the children`s television programme "Blue Peter" chose our school to take part in their filming of the re-enactment of the planting of the first Bramley apple tree, and also some pupils were filmed sampling varieties of eating apples.

FINE TUNING:

On September 30th "Fine Tuning" spent a day at school. They brought with them an enormous range of musical instruments and spent the first part of the day demonstrating these to the whole school. After that individual classes came in for workshop sessions, during which all the children had "hands on" experience of many of the instruments.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

The School choir have already started to learn a selection of Carols, as we are again taking part in the Newark Parish Carol Concert and will be holding our own Carol concerts in school on Wednesday 11th December. We have also been approached by Radio Nottingham, who will be coming to school later on this term to record our choir singing a selection of Carols. This will, hopefully be broadcast during the week prior to Christmas.

Friday 6 December - School Christmas Fair 6.00 pm Everyone is very welcome

Tuesday 22 April 1997 - Fashion Show in School. Please come and buy some good quality, reasonably priced clothes.

Linda Ferrier - Headteacher

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nancy Sleight and myself recently attended an open forum at Kelham Hall, the first since the Newark and Southwell Association was launched on 19 January 1996.

Its main objective is to increase communication between the police and N H W co-ordinators, it hopes to produce its first newsletter which will be distributed to main co-ordinators soon. There were a number of exhibits and displays to see, all were keen to come to our village to inform us all about security, personal and home, insurance, lighting etc which I hope to arrange Spring 1997.

We are getting better links with our community policeman and an update each month is given of any crimes that have taken place in Coddington, so please keep your co-ordinators informed of anything suspicious, so that we in turn can help our police to try and cut crime in Coddington.

W. Parrett: Chief Co-Ordinator, Coddington.

Kevin Haith

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INN ON THE GREEN

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new Managers of the Hungry Horse/Inn on the Green. Tom and myself (Pauline) and our daughter Paula-Jayne and son Chris have lived in Newark for the past 9 years - having previously run pubs in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

For many years we have been fans of Country Music - for all you other Country fans out there we will be hosting a regular Tuesday night venue featuring such artists as:

The Stu Page Duo, Mervyn J. Futter and many more.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the warm welcome we have been given and the support you gave to the 1st Coddington Scout Group on Bonfire Night. We plan to have future fund raising events for this worthy cause and hope for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

12 oz White breadcrumbs	1 lb raisins
8 oz sultanas	8 oz currants
8 oz chopped mixed peel	4 oz soft brown sugar
6 oz grated carrot	6 oz grated apple
1/2 tsp each cinnamon, ground nutmeg and allspice	4 eggs (whites only)
2-3 tbsps treacle	grated rind one lemon
1 wine glass of Brandy, Port, Rum, Brown Ale or Stout.	

METHOD: Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl, stir well (if possible leave mixture overnight, in cool place, to help the spicy flavour develop) If before cooking the mixture seems dry add the juice of an orange or increase the beer to 1/4 of a pint. Spoon the mixture in a greased 4 pt basin or 2 x 2 pt basins. Cover and steam, 4 pt for 9 hours, 2pt for 4 1/2 hours. Store in a cool place, on Christmas Day, steam for 3 hours.

This is an old war-time recipe and is less rich than the "normal" recipe, and is often liked better by children as it is not so heavy.

In each newsletter it would be nice to include a recipe or handy tips. The last newsletter recipe was donated by the WI, the ones in this edition are from the PC. Would any organisation or parishioner like to contribute an item or recipe in the next edition of the CCN.

VILLAGE HANDYPERSON:

Coddington Parish Council has had a vacancy for this position for the past two years. The job includes some litter picking around the Village and requires a person who can work on their own carrying out maintenance tasks that need to be done. Salary - at present is £3.00 per hour (to be reviewed) Hours - flexible, approximately five hours per week.

If interested please contact: Mrs P Hemphill - Clerk Tel Newark 72173

CODDINGTON W.I.

The W.I. meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Coddington Village Hall, 7.30 pm, new members and visitors are always welcome.

Recent talks at the monthly meeting have included, a toymaker who brought a wide range of wooden toys, suitable for all age groups and "Ramblers and Scrambles" in the Lake District. A Visit to a herb garden was followed by supper at the Red House, Kelham. During recent months members have attended events organised by the County Federation. These included a day trip to Denman College (the W.I. National College), a garden visit, whist drives, tennis and indoor bowls tuition days and walks of eight to ten miles in different parts of the County, aptly named "Best Foot Forward". Less energetic members walked to Barnby and had lunch before attempting the return journey!

Both our social events have been held in members gardens - a strawberry tea in July and recently a Halloween bonfire party when husbands and friends joined us for soup, jacket potatoes and pumpkin pie.

This year the Operatic Singers are providing the entertainment at the Christmas party on 10th December. The competition entries for a parcel of sweets will be given to a charity. "Superstitions" will be the subject of the talk on 7th January 1997 and the Annual Meeting is 11th February 1997.

HOW TO KILL A CHURCH

I almost went to church last night,
But couldn't find the time;
So much to do about the house,
To leave it would be a crime!
So I brushed and sewed and polished
And went wearily to bed
But I made a resolution
To go next week instead.

I almost went to church last night,
But then an old friend came;
And to have closed the door on him
Would have been a shame.
So we talked and chatted and gossiped
Until the goodbyes were said,
But I made a resolution
To go next week instead.

I almost went to church last night,
But something made me late;
And unpunctuality is a sin I really hate!
So I didn't go and stayed at home
And to my conscience said:
I'll make a resolution
To go next week instead.

I almost went to church last night,
But the air was chill and cold;
To venture out on such night
Would be foolish I'd been told.
So I sat by the fire,
Took up a book and read.
But I made a resolution
To go next week instead.

I almost went to church last night,
But a certain preacher was there;
And for that type of preaching I really didn't
care.
So rather than go to church
And come home with a heavy head,
I made a resolution
To go next week instead.

I actually went to church last night
But I went too late!
The church was locked and silent,
"For Sale" was on the gate.
Oh the remorse that then I felt,
For that little cause was dead:
And I, 'twas I who killed it
By going next week instead.

**By Rev Mike Shephard
Lammas Street English Baptist
Church, Carmarthen, Wales.**

PICTURES OF OLD CODDINGTON

Since coming to Coddington nine years ago I have been interested in the history of the village. Does anyone have any old photographs of the village which they would be willing to lend me to enable me to make copies and create an album?

Great care would be taken of the photographs and, of course, I would guarantee to return the originals to you.

If you can help, please contact **John Smallwood, Manor Barn Cottage, Drove Lane, Coddington. (Tel 72810)**

FLAPJACK

8 oz margarine
2 tbs golden syrup
4 oz soft brown sugar
4 oz sultanas
8 oz oats
6 oz wholemeal self raising flour

METHOD: Pre-heat oven to 160oC (325oF)

Melt margarine, syrup, sugar and sultanas over a low heat.

Stir in oats and sieved flour and mix well. Pread in to greased 8" x 12" tin and smooth top with a knife. Cook for 15-20 minutes. When cooked cut in to squares. Leave to cool in tin before removing.

This recipe had been kindly donated by a parishioner.



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If your child is between 2½ and 5 years old why not bring them along to this thriving playgroup with qualified and experienced staff.

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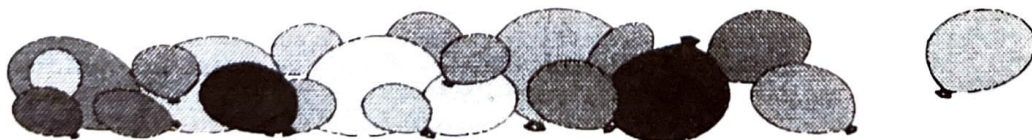
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or call in at the playgroup

Limited places available

*We are a member of the Pre School Learning Alliance
and operate an equal opportunities policy*



ALL SAINTS` CHURCH - CODDINGTON

Please join us for our special services for the Christmas Season:

Sunday 1 December	6.00 pm Family Advent Service
Sunday 22 December	6.00 pm Traditional Service: Nine lessons and Carols
Tuesday 24 December	11.45 pm Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 December	9.00 am Christmas Morning Family Communion Service
Sunday 12 January 1997	6.00 pm Christingle Service in aid of:

The Church of England Children`s Society led by Brian Geoghan of the Children`s Society with the Children of Coddington Primary School.

WELLGREEN CRAFT CLASS:

Congratulations to the Wellgreen Craft Group for winning a cup at the recent Nottinghamshire Age Concern Handicraft Festival. It was held in the University Conference Hall in Nottingham.

Knitting, embroidery, cross stitch, appliqué, tapestry, decoupage were among some of the crafts entered to gain the most points in the craft class section.

They were also second in the Community Section, with an embroidered picture depicting the "Signs of the Zodiac". This has been donated to the Newark Hospice Aid at Beaumont House, it was received by Mrs Penny Smith on behalf of Beaumont House and is to be hung in their hall for all to see. Well done to all for their efforts.

The group meets each Thursday afternoon at 2.00-3.30 pm through term times and is open to everyone. If interested just come to Wellgreen House, see what we do - there`s always a warm welcome.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ:

1. Scout Hall, Main Street, Coddington.
2. Thorpe
3. 6
4. Drove Lane, Coddington.
5. RAF Officers` quarters.
6. Red Lion.
7. Balderton Lane, Coddington.
8. 1992
9. Reverend Usher
10. 9.

"WOT A SHOP"

Bob and Rita Shah are the new owners, proprietors of "Coddington Stores and Post Office".

"If we haven't got it, we can get it" appears to be their motto.

The Shop has a sparkingly clean, cheerful interior. Jam packed shelves of reasonably priced goods, all of excellent quality (try the Family choice tea-bags). All daily newspapers and magazines are stocked, or can be ordered specially for any customers.

Bob and Rita (she's the pretty one) are never to be seen without a smile or a cheery word.

Tell you what, don't take my word for it, visit the store and see for yourselves.

You too will then say "WOT A SHOP"!

A very, very, satisfied customer.

CODDINGTON PLAYGROUP

Coddington Playgroup finally closed its doors on Thursday 17 October after four months of battling on, even though the number of children attending the sessions had dropped dramatically with the opening of the Nursery at Coddington School.

The Committee and staff felt that despite advertising in supermarkets, local shops, leaflet drops and advertisements in Balderton the numbers had not risen sufficiently to continue any longer.

The remaining children have been allocated places at Beaconsfield Playgroup, Valiant Road, Coddington and names on the waiting list have also been transferred.

For further information contact **Wendy Himsworth on Newark 605162**. The Parent and Toddler group at the Village Hall will continue as normal.

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